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## FALL PEAK CRAPPIES

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Fall means great crappie fishing, even if few anglers get out and enjoy it. Lindy pro staffer and longtime Northwoods guide Jeff Sundin takes full advantage of the opportunities, however, and shares a few tips to help you tackle autumn slabs, too.

Both location and presentation are simple and straightforward during the peak of the fall bite. In fact, Sundin says it's easier to find large schools of crappies now than it is to track down scattered fish during the summer.

From late September through mid-October, weedbed die-offs and cooling water temperatures encourage crappies to congregate along the first drop-off outside the deep weedline. Inside corners and edges of deep holes close to shore can be hotspots, particularly areas with woody cover.

After pinpointing a pod of panfish on sonar, Sundin hovers overhead with

his trolling motor, often shadowing a school as it moves along the break.

Tightlining a jig is hard to beat in this scenario. Sundin swears by a variety of lead-heads, including Lindy's time-tested Little Nipper. Lindy's Watsit and Fuzz-E-Grub are also safe bets, and ice fishing jigs like the Slick Jig, Frostee Spoon and Rattl'n Flyer Spoon produce fish as well.

One of Sundin's patented moves is dancing the jig slightly above the school, lowering it to the fish and then raising it again. He also drops the jig to bottom and slowly reels it upward,

pausing the retrieve every 12 inches or so.

Once the fall peak fades, crappies often move out to deep holes offshore,



often in depths of 25 to 35 feet. Sundin says the same jigging tactics hold water, although he notes that when crappies become most active early and late in the day, winter is just around the corner.

### Club Calendar

October 27th .....	NUASF Club Meeting
November 10th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House
November 17th .....	NUASF Club Meeting (Note: <b>Date Change</b> )
December 15th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House
December 22nd .....	NUASF Club Meeting (Note: <b>Date Change</b> )

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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections at the November meeting. We are asking that every-one attend this meeting to make your vote count. The term is up for one of the board members. If you would like to run for this position please bring it up at the meeting, or call me at 507-381-2041 or email at jr@newulmtel.net

Todd and Karen from the Dixon Lake Resort are very excited to have our club back at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. The date for the trip is February 16th. I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to them after the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The total for the trip is \$130.00 per person for three nights, or \$185.00 per person food included. Todd and Karen also said there would be no charge for the angling and spearing houses this year. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your \$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. The date for the contest is going to be February 12th 2016. We are asking that each member please try to sell at least one book of tickets. You will find one book of tickets in next months newsletter. If you are unable to sell your tickets please send them back, bring them to a meeting, or drop them off at the Ice Fishing Contest. This event is our largest fund raiser for the club. Additional tickets are always available at each meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765, Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 or myself at 507-381-2041.

I would like to Thank Ron Ludewig for servicing pump on the aerator and making sure everything is ready for this season. Thank you!!

Fall is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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### **The NUASF Board**

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Ron Ludewig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

## NUASF Monthly Meeting Sept 29th, 2016 Members Present: 40+

### I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Orin Schultz and seconded by Jim Liebl to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

A) Balance \$- Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Tom Simonson to except report as read. Passed unanimously

### III. Old Business

A) Membership update

1) 156 w/ 20 due

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) Sleepy Eye - Small

2) Deer River - Crappies are good

3) Marion - Catching big crappies

4) Eagle Lake - Limit on walleye

5) Hi Island - 15"-17" Walleye

6) Sugar Lake - 15 crappies over 15"

7) MN River - Very hot

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Ice House will need some work.

2) Club house clean up and Ice House repair will be done on 10/13 @ 4:00PM

3) Driveway - Have some problems again with creek above grounds. Possible County will get some improvements done this fall.

4) Outhouse was painted by Tyleen Miller.

5) Tony restocked the wood pile & Tyleen will provide food for the cleanup.

6) Underground power to the clubhouse. We were given a quote from Zinniel but we will do the repair ourselves. John Kuester has a role of electrical wire he will donate to the club.

7) Orin S. will donate cost of storing the ice houses on his farm site

### IV) Other Old Business

A - None

V) New Business

A) Petermann Club Fishing Contest

1) 13 members present. Good time. All cash raised donated to Mech Scholarship fund.

2) Biggest fish caught by Mike Studlmann's daughter.

B) Ice Fishing contest

1) Posters and tickets will be available at the November meeting.

2) Jason is working on some new sponsors.

3) Its our 30 year anniversary for the contest so we will be doing a larger colored poster

4) We will talk to the Outdoor News and see if they will give us a plug in their letter.

5) Ice House and 4-Wheeler tickets are here

C) Winter Fishing Trip to Dixon Lake

1) Feb 16-19th - Cost the same \$185.00 - Get \$50 deposit to Jason K. First come first serve on the cabins.

D) Board member elections in November. Ron Ludwig and Ken Sutherland are up.

E) Club Key Chains are here- \$10/ea

### VI) Other New Business



A - Food Next Meeting will be provided by Kenny Kohn and Tom Simonson. Bring dish to pass.

B - CCMR - Pub Crawl will replace River Blast. Tickets are \$20 a person. Scott Sparlin requested a donation from the club. Ken S. made a motion to donate to the CCMR seconded by Dave Mecklenburg. Passed U

C - Winter fishing items are available for sale from the Retzloff estate. All collections must go to the Kids Fishing Contest.

D) Our Web site was down for about 14 days. It's now up and running.

### VII) Adjourn @ 8:40



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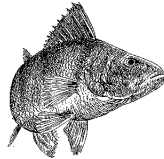
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